

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Franklin D. Lax, Sr., of
Madison County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the death of Franklin D. Lax, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lax was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, Franklin D. Lax, Sr., served with acumen and alacrity as Constable of
Madison County, having first been elected to that position in 1972 and earning the respect of his
peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a genuine civic leader, Franklin D. Lax, Sr., served as a County
Commissioner, a City Judge, and founder of the Tennessee Constables' Association; and

WHEREAS, a well-known security expert within and beyond his community, Mr. Lax
founded Maxxguard, Incorporated in 1979, and he used his vocational expertise as a member of
the Governor's State Advisory Board for the Department of Commerce and Insurance; he sat on
the Security Guard Regulatory Advisory Board from 1988 – 1996; and he was a lifetime member
of the Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, Franklin D. Lax, Sr., was an active and devout member of the First Baptist
Church, and quite fittingly, he chaired the church's Security Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lax was also deeply devoted to his loving wife, Annie Ruth, and he
always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Franklin D. Lax, Sr., leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and
probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his
chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Franklin D. Lax, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Franklin D. Lax, Sr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.